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FOR ARA/PAN, S/AB, AMB BUNKER

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TAGS: OREP (THURMOND, HATCH, HELMS)

SUBJECT: SENATORS THURMOND, HELMS, HATCH PRESS CONFERENCE

1. SENATORS THURMOND, HELMS AND HATCH HELD A BRIEF SESSION WITH THE PRESS THIS AFTERNOON AT FOUR IN THE PANCANAL ADMIN BUILDING. BILLED AS A PRESS CONFERENCE, THE THREE MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS, RESPONDED TO ONLY ONE QUESTION AND ADJOURNED THE AFFAIR AFTER LESS THAN TEN MINUTES TO THE CONSTERNATION OF THE ASSEMBLED US AND PANAMANIAN PRESS INCLUDING FILM CREWS FROM ABC, CBS AND CHANNEL 4 OF PANAMA.

EACH OF THE THREE STATEMENTS WAS CONCILIATORY, ALMOST APOLOGETIC. EACH SENATOR VOICED HIS WELL-KNOWN ANTI-TREATY UNCLASSIFIED

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POSITION, BUT COUCHED HIS OPPOSITION IN DELICATE TERMS SO AS TO NOT OFFEND PANAMANIAN SENSITIVITIES. ALL SPOKE HIGHLY OF THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE. THURMOND SAID HE WOULD FAVOR INCREASED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR PANAMA WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED WITHOUT THE TREATY IN QUESTION, AND ALSO STRESSED THAT "NO SENATE VOTE AGAINST THE TREATY WOULD BE A VOTE AGAINST PANAMA."

3. RESPONDING TO ONLY ONE QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR, HELMS DENIED THAT THE TRIP HAD BEEN PLANNED AS AN ANTI-TREATY PUBLICITY STUNT. SENATOR HATCH IN HIS STATEMENT SAID THAT MOST OF THE LABOR LEADERS WITH WHOM HE HAD MET, BOTH U.S. AND PANAMANIAN, WERE OPPOSED TO THE TREATY BECAUSE IT DID NOT DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH LABOR ISSUES. AS HE WAS LEAVING THE BUILDING HATCH TOLD REPORTERS HE HAD BEEN VERY IMPRESSED WITH PRESIDENT LAKAS DURING THE MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE JUST PRIOR TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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